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1. SEPTEL INFORMED EMBASSIES THAT U.S. EXPECTS TO SUBMIT TO CONGRESS IN SEPTEMBER LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING U.S. PARTICIPATION IN THE FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE IMF SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCING FACILITY. SENATOR STEVENSON'S SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL FINANCE OF THE SENATE BANKING COMMITTEE WILL HOLD HEARINGS ON AUGUST 29 ON THE WORLD DEBT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND BALANCE OF PAYMENTS SITUATION. THE SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCING FACILITY WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THIS HEARING AND QUESTIONS MAY ALSO BE ASKED ABOUT THE OECD FINANCIAL SUPPORT FUND

2. IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT OECD GOVERNMENTS ARE ADVISED OF U.S. POLICY ON THE SUPPORT FUND BEFORE THEY LEARN OF IT FROM

PRESS REPORTS OF THE AUGUST 29 HEARINGS, MISSIONS SHOULD INFORM HOST GOVERNMENTS, IN MANNER THEY DEEM APPROPRIATE, THAT IF ADMINISTRATION WITNESSES ARE ASKED FOR A U.S. POSITION ON THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FUND THEY WOULD RESPOND AS FOLLOWS: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WITTEVEEN FACILITY IN THE AMOUNTS PROPOSED SHOULD ASSURE THAT ADEQUATE OFFICIAL BALANCE OF PAYMENTS FINANCING IS AVAILABLE TO MEET

PROSPECTIVE NEEDS AND PROVIDE CONFIDENCE IN THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY SYSTEM. ON THE EXPECTATION THAT THE WITTEVEEN FACILITY WILL BE PUT IN PLACE, THE ADMINISTRATION DOES NOT INTEND TO SEEK RATIFICATION OF THE OECD FINANCIAL SUPPORT FUND. CHRISTOPHER

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